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# HOUSE BILL No. 1214

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-8-4-2; IC 3-10-1.

**Synopsis:** Nomination of candidates for governor. Requires political parties to nominate their candidates for governor in a state convention rather than at a primary election.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 8, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.

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First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-8-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. (a) A political party shall conduct  
3 a state convention to nominate the candidates of the political party for  
4 the following offices to be voted on at the next general election:

5 **(1) Governor.**

6 ~~(1)~~ **(2) Lieutenant governor.**

7 ~~(2)~~ **(3) Secretary of state.**

8 ~~(3)~~ **(4) Auditor of state.**

9 ~~(4)~~ **(5) Treasurer of state.**

10 ~~(5)~~ **(6) Attorney general.**

11 ~~(6)~~ **(7) Superintendent of public instruction.**

12 ~~(7)~~ **(8) Clerk of the supreme court.**

13 (b) The convention shall also:

14 (1) nominate candidates for presidential electors and alternate  
15 electors; and

16 (2) elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the national  
17 convention of the political party.



SECTION 2. IC 3-10-1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. (a) At a primary election each political party subject to section 2 of this chapter shall nominate its candidates for the following offices to be voted for at the general election:

- (1) United States Senator.
- ~~(2) Governor.~~
- ~~(3)~~ (2) United States Representative.
- ~~(4)~~ (3) Legislative offices.
- ~~(5)~~ (4) Local offices.

(b) In addition, each political party subject to section 2 of this chapter shall:

- (1) vote on candidates for nomination as President of the United States;
- (2) elect delegates from each county to the party's state convention; and
- (3) elect a precinct committeeman for each precinct in the county if precinct committeemen are to be elected under section 4.5 of this chapter.

SECTION 3. IC 3-10-1-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 19. (a) The ballot for a primary election shall be printed in substantially the following form for all the offices for which candidates have qualified under IC 3-8:

OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOT

\_\_\_\_\_ Party

To vote for a person make a voting mark (X or H) on or in the box before the person's name in the proper column.

Vote for one only

Representative in Congress

- ☐ (1) AB \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ (2) CD \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ (3) EF \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ (4) GH \_\_\_\_\_

(b) The offices with candidates for nomination shall be placed on the primary election ballot in the following order:

(1) Federal and state offices:

- (A) President of the United States.
- (B) United States Senator.

~~(C) Governor.~~

~~(D)~~ (C) United States Representative.

(2) Legislative offices:

- (A) State senator.



- 1 (B) State representative.
- 2 (3) Circuit offices and county judicial offices:
- 3 (A) Judge of the circuit court, and unless otherwise
- 4 specified under IC 33, with each division separate if there
- 5 is more than one (1) judge of the circuit court.
- 6 (B) Judge of the superior court, and unless otherwise
- 7 specified under IC 33, with each division separate if there
- 8 is more than one (1) judge of the superior court.
- 9 (C) Judge of the probate court.
- 10 (D) Judge of the county court, with each division separate,
- 11 as required by IC 33-10.5-4-2.
- 12 (E) Prosecuting attorney.
- 13 (F) Clerk of the circuit court.
- 14 (4) County offices:
- 15 (A) County auditor.
- 16 (B) County recorder.
- 17 (C) County treasurer.
- 18 (D) County sheriff.
- 19 (E) County coroner.
- 20 (F) County surveyor.
- 21 (G) County assessor.
- 22 (H) County commissioner.
- 23 (I) County council member.
- 24 (5) Township offices:
- 25 (A) Township assessor.
- 26 (B) Township trustee.
- 27 (C) Township board member.
- 28 (D) Judge of the small claims court.
- 29 (E) Constable of the small claims court.
- 30 (6) City offices:
- 31 (A) Mayor.
- 32 (B) Clerk or clerk-treasurer.
- 33 (C) Judge of the city court.
- 34 (D) City-county council member or common council
- 35 member.
- 36 (7) Town offices:
- 37 (A) Clerk-treasurer.
- 38 (B) Judge of the town court.
- 39 (C) Town council member.
- 40 (c) The political party offices with candidates for election shall be
- 41 placed on the primary election ballot in the following order after the
- 42 offices described in subsection (b):

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- 1 (1) Precinct committeeman.  
 2 (2) State convention delegate.  
 3 (d) The following offices and public questions shall be placed on  
 4 the primary election ballot in the following order after the offices  
 5 described in subsection (c):  
 6 (1) School board offices to be elected at the primary election.  
 7 (2) Other local offices to be elected at the primary election.  
 8 (3) Local public questions.  
 9 (e) The offices and public questions described in subsection (d)  
 10 shall be placed in a separate column on the ballot if voting is by paper  
 11 ballot, ballot card voting system, or electronic voting system or in a  
 12 separate column of ballot labels if voting is by voting machine.  
 13 (f) A public question shall be placed on the primary election ballot  
 14 in the following form:  
 15 (The explanatory text for the public question,  
 16 if required by law.)  
 17 "Shall (insert public question)?"  
 18 ☐ YES  
 19 ☐ NO

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